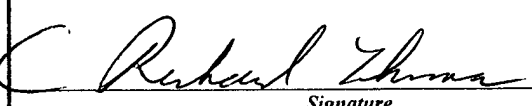
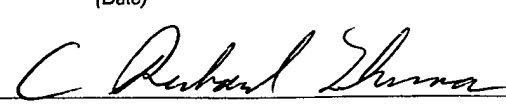


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 14-16 are rejected. Claims 1-13 and 19-24 are objected to. Claims 17 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration. In this Reply, Claims 15, 16, and 19 have been cancelled.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.